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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, OCLR, MNUC, PK, IN, UR  
SUBJECT: MEETING OF AMBASSADOR WITH MEA SECRETARY VELLODI

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF FONSEC MEHTA IN RIYADH, VEOLODI ASKED ME  
IN TODAY TO DISCUSS TWO MATTERS: THE PROSPECTS FOR THE SUS-  
PENDE US-USSR INDIAN OCEAN TALKS AND THE CTB. HIS TONE WAS  
CONCERNED MORE THAN CRITICAL.

2. THE GOI EXPECTS QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED IN THIS SESSION OF  
PARLIAMENT ABOUT GREAT POWER ACTIVITIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.  
SOVIET AMBASSADOR VORONTSOV HAS LAID THE SUSPENSION OF THE US-USSR  
TALKS ON OUR SHOULDERS. VELLODI INVITED MY RESPONSE. THIS LET  
ME REVIEW THE CHAIN OF RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES IN AND NEAR THE HORN OF  
AFRICA WHICH LED TO OUR DECISION TO SUSPEND TALKS AND SAID  
I COULD NOT PREDICT WHEN WE MIGHT BE RADY TO RESUME THE TALKS  
BUT THAT I WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE USG CONTINUED TO WANT TO KEEP  
THE INDIAN OCEAN FROM BECOMING AN AREA OF GREAT POWER MILITARY  
COMPETITION. VELLODI RESTATED INDIA'S EVENTUAL HOPE FOR AN IOZP,  
AND ITS VIEW THAT THE SORT OF BILATERAL TALKS THAT WE AND THE  
SOVIETS HAD HAD GOING MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO THE EVENTUAL GOAL.  
IN RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARLIAMENT, HE SAID THE GOI  
WOULD SIMPLY SAY (A) IT IS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE TALKS HAVE BEEN  
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SUSPENDED, AND (B) IT HOPES THEY WILL BE RESUMED.

3. THIS MEETING GAVE ME THE CHANCE TO DOCUMENT FOR VELLODI  
THAT THE ENTERPRISE TASK FORCE NOW IN THE INDIAN OCEAN DOES NOT  
REPRESENT AN ESCALATION OF US FORCE LEVELS AND ITS PRESENCE IS  
NOT IN RESPONSE TO ANY PARTICULAR EFVENTS. I DID NOT OF COURSE  
MENTION THE SHOW THAT IS ON THE BOOKS FOR PAKISTANI VIPS.

4. ON THE CTB, VELLODI STRESSED AGAIN THE PRIME MINISTER'S STRONG INTEREST IN A GENUINE CTB, BUT ONLY ONE THAT IS COMPREHENSIVE IN THE SENSE OF BANNING ALL LEVELS OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. HE SAID THEY HAD EMPHASIZED THIS POINT TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR VORONTSOV LAST WEEK. VELLODI IN CLOSING EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE DRAFT OF THE CTB COULD BE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AT GENEVA BY LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER, SO THAT IT CAN BE DISPOSED OF BEFORE THE NEW DEISARMAMENT COMMITTEE IS ACTIVATED IN JANUARY 1979  
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